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[See also: Meyers, Warren]

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CAR WORKS & FOUNDRIES, HEGEWISCH, ILL
NEW YORK OFFICE 100 BROADWAY
PITTSBURG OFFICE FARMERS BANK BLDG

Chicago, Oct. 1st, 1903.

Mr. Henry Chapman, Jr.,
1348 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir: -

As arranged with your brother, we turned your cottage back to you on September 17th, leaving it in the care of Mr. Meyers. I have been informed that since that time the house has been the scene of considerable revelry, and I have been afraid lest something should have been damaged or the house had become disarranged again. Mrs. McCord and Mrs. Rowe had left it in the same condition as they received it, excepting as to actual house cleaning. They had understood that Mrs. Earle was to come in at once and attend to this. I hope that what I fear is not the case, but I thought it only proper to advise you in regard to it lest you have a wrong impression, and in addition, I thought that it would be well for you to investigate for your own benefit.

I would say that we enjoyed your cottage very much, and hope that our occupancy of it was satisfactory to you.

Very truly,

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Mr. Henry Chapman, jr.,

1348 Pine Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

McCord, A.C.

[n.d.] June - [illegible] 1904

[letter 1] July 30, 1904

[letter 2] August 5, 1904

[The McCords and Mrs Fuse stayed in the Chapman cottage [illegible] involving an [illegible] of merchandise. The heirs sued Chapman for [illegible] a bill for [illegible] that were believed were damaged in the "turning over" but Mr. McCord presented his reasons for not paying the bill in two letters, including a scene of revelry that happened after words.]

[1 bill, 2 letters, 2 dates, 2 envelopes]

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1343 Pine St

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TERMS CASH.

2 Jap Cl Cups & Saucers			15
1 " " Saucer			10
2 Mc Kinley Bone & Veg Plates	2.50 doz		42
1/2 doz Lemonade Glasses	1.-		25
1 3/4 " Tumblers	1.-	1	75
5 1/2 " Bkf Bone & Veg Plates	2.-		81
11/2 " Meat Dishes	2.25	1	32
2 " Veg Dishes			41
1/2 doz Bkf Butter Plates	.60		35
2 Soup Dishes	1.-	2	-
1/2 doz W.S. Plates	.90		50
1/6 " " Cups & Saucers	1.10		10
1 " Saucer			05
1 Lge Basin		1	-
1 " Chamber		1	-

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Chicago, July 30, 1904.

Messrs. H. K. & I. Chapman,
1240 Pine Street, Philadelphia.

Gentlemen: -

Reply to your letter of June 25th has been delayed awaiting an opportunity for taking the matter up with Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. McCord. They advise me that the only articles broken were a cup and saucer and one small vase. As you will recall on October 1st last year I wrote to Mr. Henry Chapman, Jr. advising that it had come to our knowledge that after the cottage had been turned over, it was the scene of considerable revelry. It is more than probable that these breakages occurred at that time. At any rate they must have occurred at some time subsequent to the time of our turning over the cottage. Therefore I return the bill herewith.

Very truly,

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Chicago, Aug. 6, 1904.

Mr. Henry Chapman,

1348 Pine St., Philadelphia.

Dear Sir: -

I am just in receipt of your favor of the 3rd and in reply would say that I would much prefer not to give you the name of my informant, as I do not wish to involve him in any unpleasantness in regard to the matter. I would say, however, that if I were able to advise you who my informant was you would have no question as to the truthfulness of his statement. The matter is also too small for me to make any direct charges against anyone.

In order to give you a little further light on the subject I would say that Mrs. ____ left a very handsome white satin lined jacket in the house. It was a very expensive garment and she had scarcely worn it. She immediately went back for it and found that a person known to us all had taken the garment from the house after we left and it took some time for us to recover it and when it was recovered it was in such condition as to be practically worthless. In addition we had to go to considerable trouble and expense to recover it. I was so exasperated by the occurrence that I was just at the point of having the ____ prosecute the garment at any expense and deal with certain people as they deserved. In addition to ____ I have been ____

which I wrote you October 1st. You can see, therefore, that I have considerable information upon this subject.

I regret very much that this question has come up, as we enjoyed your cottage very much and also the pleasure of your acquaintance. If there was a shadow of doubt in my mind in regard to the matter, I would hesitate to send you a check, even though it were for a much larger amount. This matter of finding exactly the condition of the house when it was turned over and just what had been broken was a point that Mrs. Howe and Mrs. McCord both watched very carefully, and their statement in regard to it should be the best, as they went over everything carefully just at the time the house was turned over. If you or Mrs. Sherman could have been there at the time to receive the house, and if the two statements of what was turned over did agreed, then we would know that there was a mistake and I would be willing to give you the benefit of the doubt. Even had this affair, of which I feel absolutely certain, not occurred, I do not think it would be fair for you to wait a year and then count over the articles in your house and expect me to accept a bill. This would certainly not be good business.

Further that the house had burned [illegible] days after we had left it or at any time during the winter, you might have been informed by someone that we had destroyed [illegible]

and furniture. Do you think I would have been justified in account-
ing a bill for this amount? A great deal may have transpired
between the time that we turned the house over and the time and
the time when you made your inventory. I have told you of one
thing which I fully believe from the testimony of one who heard and
saw and other things may have happened.

I am sorry that I cannot agree with you in this matter
and there is no hard feeling about it, as I credit you with think-
ing that you are right and for this reason I have made this lengthy
statement in regard to it. As a matter of fact I have spent more
than $10.00 worth of time upon it, and if it were not a matter of
principle, it would have been much better for me to have sent you
a check for the bill. As it is, I return it herewith.

Very truly,

Encl.

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